Construction of new CGHS dispensaries

654. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to construct new CGHS dispensaries in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that construction of dispensaries have been suspended; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Construction work for buildings to house the following dispensaries under CGHS, Delhi is going on:

1. Shalimar Bagh,
2. Dilshad Garden,
3. Kamla Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad,
4. Yojna Vihar and
5. Renovation of RHTC building near flyover for starting dispensary for beneficiaries in Dwarka.

HIV infection

†655.SHRI AVTAR SINGH KARIMPURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of HIV infected patients in the country and the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether pet and other animals too have been found to be HIV infected;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the effective steps taken by Government to check HIV infection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The estimated number of HIV infected patients in the country in 2007 and the State-wise details are provided at Statement (*See* below).

(b) No. The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is only transmitted from human to human and is not transmitted to, from or by pets or animals.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In order to control the spread of HIV/AIDS, Government of India is implementing the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) as a 100% centrally sponsored scheme, launched in July 2007, NACP Phase-III (2007-2012) has the goal to halt and reverse the epidemic in the country over the next 5 years by integrating programmes for prevention, care, support and treatment. The programme has adopted a four-pronged strategy:

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